GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3806
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2000
ACCELERATED IRRIGATION BENEFIT PROGRAMME
GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAV

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan have written a letter to the Planning Commission and the Union Government for getting loan and assistance under the centrally sponsored, Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme to give special status to the State on the line of North-Eastern States, Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the decision taken by the Union Government in this regard; and

(c) the progress made in regard to sharing of the Ravi-Beas water among the concerned States and the transfer of the control of headworks at Ropar, Harik and Ferozepur to the Bhakara Beas management?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) The Government of Rajasthan requested the Ministry of Water Resources for inclusion of Rajasthan in the Special Category State so that it could avail of special funding from the Government of India under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme(AIBP). The State was advised to approach the Planning Commission in the matter. However, no such request has been received in the Planning Commission from the State Government.

(c) The matter regarding sharing of the Ravi Beas waters in presently under adjudication with the Ravi and Beas Water Tribunal. The Government of Punjab has not transferred the control of headworks at Ropar, Harike and Firozpur to the Bhakra Beas Management Board.